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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

January 26, 2024

Hon. Eric Adams
Mayor of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Adrienne E. Adams
Speaker
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

RE: Approval of the amended Nuisance Abatement Bill as presented by Council Member Keith Powers.

Dear Mayor Adams and Speaker Adams,

At the Full Board meeting of Community Board 8 Manhattan held on January 24, 2024, the board unanimously approved the following resolution by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS: There are about 1500 illegal Cannabis shops in the City, and;

WHEREAS: Currently the laws make it slow and difficult to close these stores; and;

WHEREAS: These stores sell illegal products, evade current laws about selling to minors, are a blight on our streetscape, and cause crime; and;

WHEREAS: The existing New York City Nuisance Abatement Law can be amended to facilitate quickly and easily shutting illegal shops;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: Community Board 8 Manhattan encourages a speedy passage of the amended Nuisance Abatement Law as outlined in Introduction 1243-2023 to:

- 1) Clarify that the distribution for sale, selling at wholesale or retail, or delivering to consumers of any cannabis, cannabis product, medical cannabis, or cannabinoid hemp or hemp extract product without the appropriate registration, license, or permit issued by New York State is a public nuisance subject to permanent and preliminary injunctions;
- 2) Create a new category of public nuisance involving the selling, delivery, or giving away of cannabis to any person under 21 years of age; and
- 3) Make the above-mentioned public nuisances subject to temporary closing orders and temporary restraining orders.

Please advise us of any action taken on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Rebecca Dangoor, Barbara Rudder, and Wilma Johnson

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Co-Chairs, Health, Seniors, & Social Services Committee

cc: Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of New York
Honorable Eric Adams, Mayor of the City of New York
Honorable Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President
Honorable Jerrold Nadler, 12th Congressional District Representative
Honorable Liz Krueger, NYS Senator, 28th Senatorial District
Honorable José M. Serrano, NYS Senator, 29th Senatorial District
Honorable Edward Gibbs, NYS Assembly Member 68th Assembly District
Honorable Alex Bores, NYS Assembly Member, 73rd Assembly District
Honorable Rebecca Seawright, NYS Assembly Member 76th Assembly District
Honorable Keith Powers, NYC Council Member, 4th Council District
Honorable Julie Menin, NYC Council Member, 5th Council District
Honorable Diana Ayala, NYC Council Member, 8th Council District